

REMARKS

The present amendment is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated. Claims 1-3 and 5-8 are pending. Claim 1 has been amended.

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Claims 1-3 and 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 7,641,658 to Shaolian et al. ("Shaolian"). Independent claim 1 has been recited to state that the first component includes a plurality of flutes sized and shaped to aid in the preparation of the cavity. Shaolian does not disclose such flutes. The cutting device 200 of Shaolian includes a blade 238. There is no disclosure of flutes used in cutting. Therefore, for at least this reason, claim 1 and its dependents are believed to be allowable over Shaolian.

Conclusion

For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the rejections to the claims have been overcome and that all remaining claims, namely claims 1-3 and 5-8 are currently in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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